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1. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, and in compliance with CFR §1.56, the Office's attention is directed to the patents, pending applications, publications and other information listed on the attached PTO-1449. Applicant(s) make no admission that the documents are prior art to the present invention.
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U.S. Patent No. 1,039,542

U.S. Patent No. 2,659,062

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Relevance</u>
EP 0 875 961 A1	See attached English Abstract.
FR 2 828 958 A1	See attached English Abstract.
DE 201 19 531 U1	Discloses two embodiments of a cable-connecting device shown in Figs. 1 and 2. In the embodiment, according to Fig. 1, the wires of the cable are pressed between a sharp edge (23) and a rounded tip (17) of the main connector body (10). There is no parallelism between the contour of the edge (23) and the tip (17), resulting in a pinching action on the

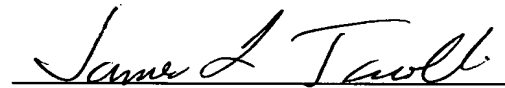
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wires. In the embodiment, according to Fig. 2, the wires are clamped between a rounded contour (23') of the outer part (20') and the conical tip (15') of the main connector body (10'). Although the contours may be parallel, the clear width of the clamping part (20') exceeds the outer diameter of the counterpart (13'), resulting in substantial friction, when the bodies 20' and 13' are moved relative to each other in axial direction with the wires of the cable lying in the gap between both bodies.

Discloses a cable connector wherein the wires (3) of the cable (4) are pressed between the conical tip (2) and a sleeve (5) with a conical bore. Although the pressing parts (2, 5) are both conical, their cone angles are different, such that there is no parallelism between the pressing faces.

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	B	US-2,659,062	Nov. 10, 1953	Tibbetts			
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	M	FR- 2 828 958 A1	28 Feb. 2003	France			
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